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**CONSTITUTION
REVISION
COMMISSION**



**CHAIR CARLOS
BERUFF**

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: Stetson University
University of South Florida

Occupation: Real Estate Developer; CEO, Medallion Homes

Highlights: Member, Board of Trustees, State College of Florida; Member, Governing Board, Southwest Florida Water Management District; Member, Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority Board



**DR. JOSE "PEPE"
ARMAS**

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: Catholic University in Santiago, Dominican Republic, M.D.
Mt. Sinai Medical Center
St. Barnabas Hospital

Occupation: Doctor

Highlights: MCCI Group, Chairman and founder; Florida International University Board of Trustees, Member; National Advisory Board of Health Research Resources, Member; Dean's Advisory Board, Member; Interview Committee of Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Member; Advisory Board for the School of Nursing and Healthcare of Georgetown University, Member



PAM BONDI

APPOINTED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL PAM BONDI

Education: Stetson University, J.D., 1990
University of Florida, B.A., 1987

Occupation: Florida's 37th Attorney General

Highlights: Sworn into Office January 4, 2011; Former prosecutor and spokeswoman in Hillsborough County, Florida; Awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award in 2011 by Stetson University; Awarded the Lawyers of Distinction award by the Tampa Bay review; Serves on the Special Olympics Florida Board of Directors; Member of the Board of The Spring, Tampa's Domestic Violence Shelter



LISA CARLTON

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: Mercer University School of Law, J.D.
Stetson University, B.A.

Occupation: Co-owner Mabry Carlton Ranch, Inc.

Highlights: Florida Senate, Senator, 1998-2008; Florida House of Representatives, Representative, 1994-1998; Gulf Coast Community Foundation Board of Directors, Member; Florida Historic Capitol Foundation, Founding Member



TIMOTHY CERIO

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: University of Florida Law, J.D.
University of Florida, B.A.

Occupation: Attorney

Highlights: General Counsel to Governor Rick Scott, 2015-2016; Florida Department of Health, Chief of Staff and General Counsel, 2005-2007; Judicial Nominating Commission for the First District Court of Appeal, 2013; Florida Blue Key, Member; Gray Robinson Law Firm, Former Shareholder; University of Florida Alumni Association, President; UF College of Law Alumni Council, President



HANK COXE

APPOINTED BY CHIEF JUSTICE JORGE LABARGA

Education: Washington and Lee University School of Law, 1972, J.D.
University of the South, 1969, B.A., Political Science

Occupation: Criminal Defense Attorney

Highlights: The Florida Bar, President 2006-2007, Board of Governors 1997-2007; Jacksonville Bar Association, President, Board of Governors 1992-1996; American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow; Florida Supreme Court Historical Society President 2013-2014; Florida Super Lawyers (Top 10 Lawyers in Florida); The Best Lawyers in America, Criminal Trial, 1988-Present; Top Ranked in Chambers USA; The Florida Bar, Selig Goldin Award



JOSE FELIX DIAZ

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN

Education: Columbia University, JD
University of Miami, BA

Occupation: Attorney

Highlights: Florida House of Representatives, Representative, 2010-Present; Miami River Commission, Vice-Chair, 2016; Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation, Chairman, 2015-present; Regulatory Affairs Committee, Chair, 2014-2016; Southern States Energy Board, Florida Representative, 2013-present; Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation, Vice-Chairman, 2011-2015; Public Service Commission Nominating Council, Chairman, 2013, 2015; Energy & Utilities Subcommittee, Chair, 2012-2014, Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee, Vice-Chair, 2011-2012



ERIKA DONALDS

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN

Education: Florida Atlantic University, M.A.
Florida State University, BS

Occupation: Chief Financial Officer/Chief Compliance Officer and Partner at Dalton, Greiner, Hartman, Maher & Co., LLC

Highlights: Vice Chair, Collier County Public Schools; Founding member and Past President of Parents R.O.C.K., "Parents' Rights Of Choice for Kids"; Advisory Board Member for Mason Classical Academy; Founder and Past President of Florida Coalition of School Board Members



DON GAETZ

APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

Education: Troy State University, M.P.A.
Concordia College, B.A., Religion and Political Science

Occupation: Co-founder and Vice Chairman (retired) VITAS Healthcare Corporation

Highlights: Florida State Senate, Senator, District 1, 2006-2016; Florida State Senate, President, 2012-2014; Okaloosa School Board, elected Superintendent, 2000-2006; Okaloosa County School Board, Chairman, 1995-1996; Seaside, Florida, Town Chairman, 1990-1991; James Madison Institute, Board of Directors; National Hospice Organization, Washington, D.C., President and Chairman of the Board; Florida State Hospice Organization, Founding Chairman; Niceville-Valparaiso-Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors



EMERY GAINAY

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: FBI National Academy
University of Florida, B.A.

Occupation: Attorney General’s Office, Director of Law Enforcement

Highlights: Sheriff of Marion County, 2016-2017; Alachua County Sherriff’s Office, 1982-2007; Florida Sheriffs Association; Florida Police Chiefs Association; FBI National Academy Associates, Florida Chapter



TOM GRADY

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: B.S., Finance from FSU. J.D.,
Duke University with distinction.

Occupation: Attorney

Highlights: Elected to the Florida House in 2008, lead Citizens Property Insurance, and serves on the State Board of Education. Served as a House Intern 1987/1979.



**ANNA MARIE
HERNANDEZ GAMEZ**

APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

Education: University of Miami School of Law, J.D.
Florida International University, B.A., History, Political Science

Occupation: Partner, Holland & Knight

Highlights: Litigation and real estate attorney in Holland & Knight; Cuban American Bar Foundation, President, 2017; Top Lawyer, South Florida Legal Guide, 2017; Florida Association for Women Lawyers; The Cuban American Pro Bono Project, Inc. d/b/a CABA Pro Bono Legal Services, Director, 2015-present; The Cuban American Pro Bono Project, Inc. d/b/a CABA Pro Bono Legal Services, Director, 2015-present



**BRECHT
HEUCHAN**

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: Florida State University, B.S.
Occupation: Founder and CEO of ContributionLink, LLC
Owner of The Labrador Company

Highlights: Served as President and Founder of a political and governmental consulting firm, 2001 -2004; Director of Senate Campaigns for the Republican Party of Florida, 1999



**MARVA
JOHNSON**

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: Georgia State University College of Law, J.D.
Emory University’s Goizuetta Business School, M.B.A.
Georgetown University, B.S.

Occupation: Regional Vice President of State Government Affairs for Charter Communications

Highlights: Florida State Board of Education, Chair; Florida Virtual School Board, Member; Advisory Board for Rollins College’s Crummer Center for Leadership Development, Member; Minority Media and Telecommunications Council’s Champion for Digital Equality Award, 2014



**DARLENE
JORDAN**

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: Suffolk University School of Law, J.D.; Fordham University, B.A.

Occupation: Executive Director of the Gerald R. Jordan Foundation

Highlights: Former Assistant Attorney General for the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General, 1996-1999; Assistant District Attorney in the Norfolk District Attorney's office, 1991-1996; Florida Board of Governors of the State University System; Member of Fordham's Board of Directors; Co-Chair of Fordham's successful \$500 million Campaign; Fordham's Executive Committee Member; Chair of the Development and University Relations Committee, Fordham University; Co-Chair of the Financial Aid Campaign, Fordham University; Member of the Harvard Business School Board of Dean's Advisors; Trustee of the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, Oxbridge Academy and Rosarian Academy



**ARTHENIA
JOYNER**

APPOINTED BY CHIEF JUSTICE LABARGA

Education: Florida A&M University College of Law, 1968, J.D.

Florida A&M University, 1964, B.S., Political Science

Occupation: Outgoing Senate Democratic Leader

Highlights: Florida State Senate, Senator, District 19, 2007-2016; Florida State Senate, Minority Leader, 2014-2016; Florida State Senate, Minority leader Pro Tempore, 2010-2012; Florida State Senate, Minority whip, 2006-2010; Florida State House of Representatives, Representative, 2001-2006; University Community Hospital, Trustee, 1986-present; Hillsborough County Bar Associations, Board of Directors, present; Florida Association of Women Lawyers, Member, present



**FRED
KARLINSKY**

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: Florida State University College of Law, J.D.

University of Miami, B.S.

Occupation: Co-Chair, Greenberg Traurig's Insurance Regulatory & Transactions Practice Group

Highlights: Adjunct Professor of Law at Florida State University College of Law; Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator; Governor Scott's appointee on the Florida Supreme Court Nominating Commission; 17th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, Vice Chairman and Chairman, 2011; 17th Annual Florida Celebration of Reading event, Co-chair



**BELINDA
KEISER**

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: Nova Southeastern University, M.B.A.

Keiser University, certificate in paralegal studies

Florida State University, B.S.

Occupation: Vice Chancellor Community Relations, Keiser University

Highlights: Named an Ex-Officio member of the Florida Council 100; Appointed to Enterprise Florida Board of Directors; Chair of the Florida Technology, Research and Scholarship Board 2009-2012; Member of the Florida Chamber of Commerce Foundation Board of Trustees 2008-2009; Served on the Performance Review Committee, 2005-2006; Florida Chamber of Commerce Board of Director member; Talent Supply & Education Pillar Chair, Florida Chamber of Commerce Policy Council



**FRANK
KRUPPENBACHER**

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: New York Law School, J.D.

Harvard Graduate School of Education Program, Certificate in Public Engagement

Mount Saint Mary's University, B.A.

Occupation: Attorney

Highlights: Chairman of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority; Florida Commission on Ethics; Florida Commission on Sales Tax Reform; Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce; Orange County Ethics & Campaign Finance Reform Taskforce; Orange County Oversight Committee; Orange County Charter Commission; Central Florida Zoological Board; Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau ; Orange County Sheriff Department Oversight Board



TOM LEE

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN

Education: University of Tampa, BS
Hillsborough Community College, BS

Occupation: Vice President and Director, Sabal Homes of Florida

Highlights: Elected to the Senate in 2012, reelected subsequently; Deputy Majority (Republican) Leader, 2012-2014; Senate, 1996-2006; Senate President, 2004-2006; Republican National Convention Delegate, 2004; Hillsborough County City/County Planning Commission, Former Member; Hillsborough County Zoning Board of Adjustment, Former Member; Republican National Convention Delegate, 2004; Hillsborough County City/County Planning Commission, Former Member; Hillsborough County Zoning Board of Adjustment, Former Member



DR. GARY LESTER

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Louisiana Tech University, B.A.

Occupation: Vice President of The Villages for Community Relations

Highlights: Ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church; United States Military Academy Nominations Board; Judicial Nominating Commission – Middle District of Florida



PATRICIA LEVESQUE

APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

Education: Rollins College, M.B.A.
Bob Jones University, B.A., Finance

Occupation: CEO, Foundation for Excellence in Education
Executive Director, Foundation for Florida's Future

Highlights: Deputy Chief of Staff for education, enterprise solutions for government, minority procurement, and business and professional regulation under Jeb Bush; Staff director over education policy for 6 years, Florida Legislature, Office of the Speaker; Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, 2007-2008



ROBERTO MARTINEZ

APPOINTED BY CHIEF JUSTICE JORGE LABARGA

Education: Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.
University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, M.S. in Accounting
University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, B.S. in Economics

Occupation: Lawyer

Highlights: Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers; United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Special Recognition Award; The Florida Bar's Voluntary Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award; Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission, Former Chair; Florida State Board of Education, Vice Chair; Miami-Dade College, Former Chair, District Board of Trustees; Governor-Elect Jeb Bush Transition, General Counsel



RICH NEWSOME

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN

Education: University of Florida College of Law, JD
Florida State University, BS

Occupation: Senior partner of the Newsome Melton law firm

Highlights: Former federal prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Florida Guardian Ad Litem Foundation, Board of Directors, 2017; Florida Justice Association (FJA), President, 2010-2011; Florida Justice Association (FJA), Executive Committee, 2005-2012; American Association for Justice (AAJ), Board of Governors, 2005-2015; 5th District Court of Appeals Judicial Nominating Commission, Member and Chairman, 1999-2002; Central Florida Trial Lawyers Association (CFTLA), President, 2004; Orlando Federal Bar Association, President, 1990-1996; National Trial Lawyers, Top 100 Diplomat; The National Crime Victim Bar Association, Member



CHRIS NOCCO

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN

Education: Masters (Public Administration,) University of Delaware; Bachelors (Criminal Justice,) University of Delaware ; Undergraduate certificate in Emergency Management, Florida State University; Graduate of National Sheriff's Association, 101st National Sheriff's Institute; Graduate of FBI, National Executive Institute

Occupation: Pasco County Sheriff

Highlights: Deputy Chief of Staff to Speaker of the House Marco Rubio; Chief of Staff, Florida Highway Patrol, Pasco Sheriff's Charities, Inc. Board member; Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point Advisory Board; Rasmussen College Advisory Council; Sand Soldiers of America Board member; Boys & Girls Club of Lacochee Board member; 2012 Leadership Award from BayCare Behavioral Health; 2013 Legislator of the Year Award from National Alliance on Mental Illness; Patriotic Employer from ESGR; Pasco Police Athletic League; New Port Richey Rotary; Renew Pasco; Police Benevolent Association; Fraternal Order of Police; National Sheriffs Association; Gold Shield Foundation

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN

Education: Florida International University, BS, MA

Occupation: Healthcare

Highlights: Florida House of Representatives , Representative, 2010-Present; Deputy Whip, August 12, 2011-2012; Legislative Aide to Senator Diaz de la Portilla, 1995-2004; Kristi House, board member; Women's Healthcare Executive Network



JEANETTE NUNEZ

APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

Education: St. Leo University

Occupation: Trustee, Florida Atlantic University

Highlights: State Board of Community Colleges, Chair; Florida Republican Party, Vice Chair; Chief of Staff, Florida Department of Education; Trustee, St. Leo University; Martin County School Readiness, Board Member; Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees, Chair; Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Member; YMCA Treasure Coast, Board Member



SHERRY PLYMALE

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN

Education: University of Florida, JD
Xavier of New Orleans, BA

Occupation: Attorney

Highlights: Elected to the Senate in 2016; House of Representatives, 2008-2016; Former Prosecutor, Pinellas County; The National Bar Association; Commissioner, Tax and Budget Reform Commission, 2007-2008; President, St. Petersburg NAACP, 2000-2005; Chair, St. Petersburg Black Chamber; Member, Legatus; School Board, St. Petersburg Catholic High School



DARRYL ROUSON

APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

Education: University of Florida College of Law, J.D., 1985
Tulane University, B.A., 1982

Occupation: Partner, Burr & Forman Law Firm

Highlights: Burr & Forman Law Firm Executive Committee, Member; University of Florida Levin College of Law Board of Trustees, Board Member; Member of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for 8 years; Appointed by Jeb Bush and Charlie Crist; Florida Bar, Trial Lawyer Section; Hillsborough County Bar Foundation, Trustee; Boys & Girls Club of Tampa Bay, Inc, Director; Florida Guardian Ad Litem Foundation, Director; Tampa Bay Little League, President



WILLIAM SCHIFINO, JR.



CHRIS SMITH

APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

Education: Florida State University J.D., 1995
Johnson C. Smith University, B.S., 1992

Highlights: Florida Senate, Senator, 2008-2016; Florida House of Representatives, Representative, 1998-2006; Florida House of Representatives Democratic Leader, 2004-2006; Fort Lauderdale Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, President; City of Fort Lauderdale Planning and Zoning Board, Member; Broward County Democratic Party Executive Committee



BOB SOLARI

APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

Education: Fordham University School of Law, J.D.
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.B.A.
University of Denver, B. S.

Occupation: President and Manager, RMS Financial Services L.L.C.

Highlights: Indian River County Commissioner; Indian River County Commissioners, Chairman of the Board; River County Taxpayers Association, Member; Indian River Land Trust, Member; Republican Women of Indian River, Member; Leadership Florida Class XXV, Member; City of Vero Beach Council, Former member



CHRIS SPOWLS

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN

Education: Stetson University College of Law, JD
University of South Florida, BA, 2006

Occupation: Lawyer

Highlights: • Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2014, reelected subsequently; Formerly in the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association; Former Assistant State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit



JOHN STEMBERGER

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN

Education: Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, JD; Florida State University, BS

Occupation: Attorney

Highlights: Founded the Institute for Conservative Studies; Served as the lobbyist for Florida Right to Life; 1992, Political Director of the Republican Party of Florida; Member of the Council for National Policy; Member, Million Dollar Advocates Forum, 2002; Member, Judicial Nominating Commission, Ninth Judicial Circuit, 2001 to 2009; Chairman, Judicial Nominating Commission, Ninth Judicial Circuit, 2002 to 2003; Barrister Member, First Central Florida Inns of Court, Orlando Chapter; Admitted, United States Supreme Court; Admitted, United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeal; Admitted, United States Federal Court- Middle District of Florida; Member, Orange County Bar Association; Member, Volusia County Bar Association; Allied Lawyer, Alliance Defending Freedom;



PAM STEWART

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: University of Central Florida, M.Ed.
Stetson University, Certification in Educational Leadership
University of South Florida, B.A.

Occupation: Commissioner, Florida Department of Education

Highlights: Florida Department of Education's Division of Public Schools as Deputy Chancellor for Educator Quality, 2004; Deputy Superintendent for Academic Services in St. Johns County



JACQUI THURLOW-LIPPISCH

APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

Education: University of West Florida, M.A., 1999
University of Florida, B.A., German, 1994
University of Florida, B.A., Journalism, 1986

Occupation: Author of the Blog: Indian River Lagoon

Highlights: City Commissioner Stewall's Point, 2008-2016; Stewall's Point Mayor, 2011-2012; Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Vice Chair; Florida League of Cities, Chair; Senator Joe Negron's Select Senate Hearing on Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee, Special Panel member, 2013; Sewall's Point Cultural Committee, founding member



CAROLYN TIMMANN

APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

Education: Florida State University, B.A.
University of Georgia, B.A.
Indian River State College, A. A.

Occupation: Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller of Martin County

Highlights: Former legislative assistant to State Representative Tom Warner; Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor Charlie Crist; Division Director, Executive Office of the Governor; Former Judicial Assistant, Nineteenth Circuit Court; Special Assistant, Florida Solicitor General; Helping People Succeed Board of Directors, Board Member



NICOLE WASHINGTON

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: Teachers College, Columbia University, M.A.
Mercy College, M.S.
Princeton University, B.A.

Occupation: State Policy Consultant for the Lumina Foundation

Highlights: Former Associate Director of Governmental Relations for the State University System Board of Governors; Former Budget Director for Education in the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget; Board Member of Florida A&M University; Board Member LeRoy Collins Institute; Board Member Veterans Trust Board; Member of Class VII of Connect Florida